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INTRODUCTION

The Publication Committee is pleased to present this thirty-second volume of THE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS of the Topsfield Historical Society. During its first thirty years the Society, under its energetic Secretary, George Francis Dow, published twenty-eight volumes. Then in 1928 and 1933 two more of the series were printed and in 1951 Volume XXXI, containing the record of the Tercentenary, was published.

The Committee has worked with real enthusiasm and is indebted to many persons who have given such willing response to its correspondence and questions.

During the years that the COLLECTIONS were published the Society appears to have flourished. Then following the Tercentenary the only thing that seems to have held the Society together was its interest in the Parson Capen House. However, there is much more than the distant past with which the Society is concerned. History is continually in the making as time fades into the past, and a stream of publications is about the only way one can keep up a record for the future.

We have no doubt there are many persons with recollections of Thomas Emerson Proctor with whom we did not communicate. We shall be happy to have their comments. With regard to the Trust Fund Donors, it was felt that to present complete transcripts of the wills would have taken too much space and they would have been of little interest to the average reader. However, the Probate Court case number has been given to enable anyone to delve deeper if he wishes.

It seems fitting that credit for the recent growth and interest in the Society be given to its present President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Campbell, who have devoted an untold amount of time to the Topsfield Historical Society as well as to the Town.

C. Lawrence Bond, Chairman
George M. Cunha
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Sylvia M. Page
Helen L. Thompson



THOMAS EMERSON PROCTOR

By C. Lawrence Bond

To residents of the Town of Topsfield the name "Proctor" carries varying significance. To the youngest part of the population it means "School". To most of the taxpayers of 1973 it means "Three quarters of a million dollars to be raised for improvements to one of the elementary grade school in town". To the Conservationists it means the "Rockery" and "The Wildlife Sanctuary". To the old timers it means Thomas Emerson Proctor.

Tom Proctor was a name not always loved but one that certainly had to be considered, for Tom owned more than one quarter of the land within the town, something over three square miles, and employed nearly one tenth of the population. This article is largely based on recollections of some of those who grew up in Topsfield and knew him. His will and his land transactions, of course, are matters of record.

Born in Boston, June 27, 1873, the youngest son of Thomas Emerson Proctor and Emma (Howe) Proctor, he attended Hopkinson's School and Harvard College where he graduated with an A.B. in 1895. His siblings were James, Anne P. Rice and Emily P. Mandell.

His first acquisition of land in Topsfield was in 1898, and he continued to purchase property as it became available for thirty years. Sometimes the former owners stayed on and worked for him; sometimes he acquired the land and had the buildings demolished. His last purchase was that of the Hutchings property in the center of the town which he donated for the school in 1928. "The School" at that time was housed in the old academy building, torn down in 1934, which stood on the knoll at the end of School Avenue, and to the rear of the recently built Fire Station. The Hutchings farm was bounded by Main Street, the Town Hall property and what was then the Boston & Maine Railroad, a tract of about nine acres.

To understand his interest in purchasing property on such a large scale let us consider his background as supplied by his niece, Emma Mandell Rice. "Uncle Pete" as she calls him in a letter of June, 1973, was a member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society; of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities; of the Topsfield Historical Society and the Essex Institute in Salem.

Before 1913, when the income tax was first promulgated in Massachusetts, to be followed by the Government the next year, personal property was assessed in the town where one lived. Stocks and bonds were termed personal property so it became desirable for the wealthy to maintain a legal residence in a town with a low tax rate. In 1908, Tops-

field's tax rate was \$10. per thousand and Mr. Proctor's holdings were assessed at \$113,000. In 1944 the tax rate had risen to \$24. and his assessment was \$457,000. When one considers these relative figures together with the fact that both State and Federal income taxes were not only introduced during the interval, but sky-rocketed to something like fifteen times the initial amount it throws some light on subsequent events.

The following statement is only surmise, but it is believed that the fortune which Tom Proctor inherited was built up by his grandfather and father as leather merchants. It is general knowledge how seriously the leather business has been affected in recent years by foreign competition, but in the late nineteenth century the United States imported leather from all over the world. The leading exponent of shoe machinery was located only a few miles from Topsfield. That may well be the subject of a separate article, but it is mentioned here as contributory to the source of wealth of the Proctor family, which kept a supply flowing to the tanning factories and on to the leather industry during its hey-day.

Tom Proctor never entered his father's business enterprise and it appears to be the consensus of those who knew him in Topsfield that he did not have much business ability. From the wording in his will we note that he made bequests "from the property over which I have power of appointment under the will of my father". This would indicate that his inheritance was in the form of a Trust. However, he did go to Boston every day where he maintained an office opposite the South Station on Summer Street.

For anyone whose income exceeds the amount that he needs to support himself in comfort, the need for a place to keep his wealth invested is important. During the early twentieth century Teddy Roosevelt was successfully waging his war of "Trust Busting". After the break-up of the Standard Oil Co. into a number of smaller companies, the financial community decided that it was wise to put one's individual eggs into separate baskets, since it was evident that the Federal Government was in a position to crack down on any company it suspected of running a monopoly. This attitude may well have influenced Mr. Proctor's interest in acquiring land, but there was another factor that probably provided the initial impetus.

Tom's interest in horticulture was apparent very early in the 1900's when he started employing large numbers of Italians to build a road around the Bradstreet Farm (now the Audubon Sanctuary) and to bring in all sorts of trees and shrubs. The "Rockery" there is still visited by hundreds of persons from out of town, to view the collected flowers and plants.

Mr. Elmer Foye of Topsfield has written a paper on the Rockery which is well worth reading. The following extracts reflect something of "Uncle Pete's" character:

"With the advice of Professor Jack of the Arnold Arboretum, with the artistic planning of a Japanese landscape architect, and the labor of many men ... the Rockery was started.

"The glacier, in passing over Topsfield ... deposited but few boulders. Many were needed for the Rockery, however. A townsman who worked there told of the carting of the massive boulders from the nearby towns of Byfield and Rowley, where the farmers were glad to be rid of them. Two men with horse drawn drays often took several days to haul the huge stones ...

"During the early winter, flatcar loads of exotic oriental shrubs and trees arrived at the Topsfield Railroad Station and were carted to the Proctor Estate. The ground had been readied for them for loads of salt marsh hay had been spread as a mulch. This was burned; the frost was thawed by the heat and a great planting took place."

In this construction, Mr. Archer Andrews told, a number of years ago, how ramps were built, up which mules hauled the boulders to be placed as directed by the landscaper. Naturally the mules had to go beyond the top of the pile, so additional roadway had to be built on which they could turn; then when finished, the ramps were taken away and the rocks all washed clean.

Mr. Foye continued: "Footpaths made pleasant walks just as they do today. Everything that would "take" was planted, from delicately cut-leafed Asiatic Maples to numerous robust oaks. Mr. Proctor knew them all and cherished them. He was devoted to his place and was proud and happy to share it."

Horton Bradstreet's father sold the Bradstreet farm to Mr. Proctor. Horton's earliest recollection of Tom is that of seeing him riding about his estate on horseback. The Italian workmen were all very deferential, mostly immigrants recently arrived, who doffed their hats upon his approach. Some say that he actually imported help from Italy, but it is more likely that he drew upon unemployed laborers from the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway when the trolley line into Topsfield was halted before completion.

Raymond Roberts remembers that as a boy he was hired to drive people around the loop road to see the growing arboretum. If Mr. Proctor enjoyed the roll of proprietor

and Lord of all he surveyed, he was none-the-less generous towards the public.

When Tom's father died, Tom and his mother moved their residence from Boston to the Bradstreet farm. He once told Horton Bradstreet that he hoped to marry and have twelve children, but he lived his life out as a bachelor. His mother was said to be very domineering. Perhaps he never found the girl that she approved. Perhaps he was turned down by the one of his choice. It was said that he did not like women. When the School Committee was going to meet with him at the time of his donation to the Town, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, who was a member, said it was suggested that she absent herself; but she never had anything but a cordial reception when she met him. He may not have liked women in business. He was certainly generous in his bequests to his nieces and grand-nieces.

When his mother died he removed from the Bradstreet Farm to the "grey shingled Homestead" on Perkins Row which had belonged to the Sears family, according to Mrs. Rice, "in order to be close to the adjoining greenhouses." The foundations of the house and greenhouses are still (1974) visible west of Perkins Row and northerly of Proctor Drive. He enlarged the greenhouses considerably, and Andy Jackman hauled 1200 tons of coal from his railroad siding near Summer Street, for three months each year, to supply heat during cold weather. From his gardens and greenhouses, flowers were supplied free to the churches and cemeteries throughout his lifetime.

He was an excellent horseman in the saddle, but the story is told that one day he harnessed two saddle horses as a span and drove down to the village. On the common the horses decided to pass on opposite sides of a tree with the result that the pole struck it and Mr. Proctor was thrown to the ground.

Peter Kilhouley worked for Mr. Proctor for nearly forty years. He acted as companion, coachman and chauffer and was originally named in Mr. Proctor's will as one of the executors, but later was displaced. On one of his trips to Mexico, Tom was held up by some bandits who demanded a large sum for ransom. As he drew out his check book and offered to pay on the spot, Kilhouley started swinging on the nearest bandit and the whole group fled. Peter was given a bequest in both the original will and the codocil signed by Mr. Proctor, but apparently felt he was not given enough, as he had a lawyer who started to contest the will and then withdrew.

On another trip Mr. Proctor went up the Amazon in search of exotic plants, flowers and mosses for his hot house, but his interest was not selfish for he liked others

to enjoy what he collected. In 1918 he had a special truck body, resembling a bank car, with enough room to stand in and equipped with a heater, built on an auto chassis. Two men were employed year round to take flowers and plants every day to his relatives and friends in Boston in this vehicle.

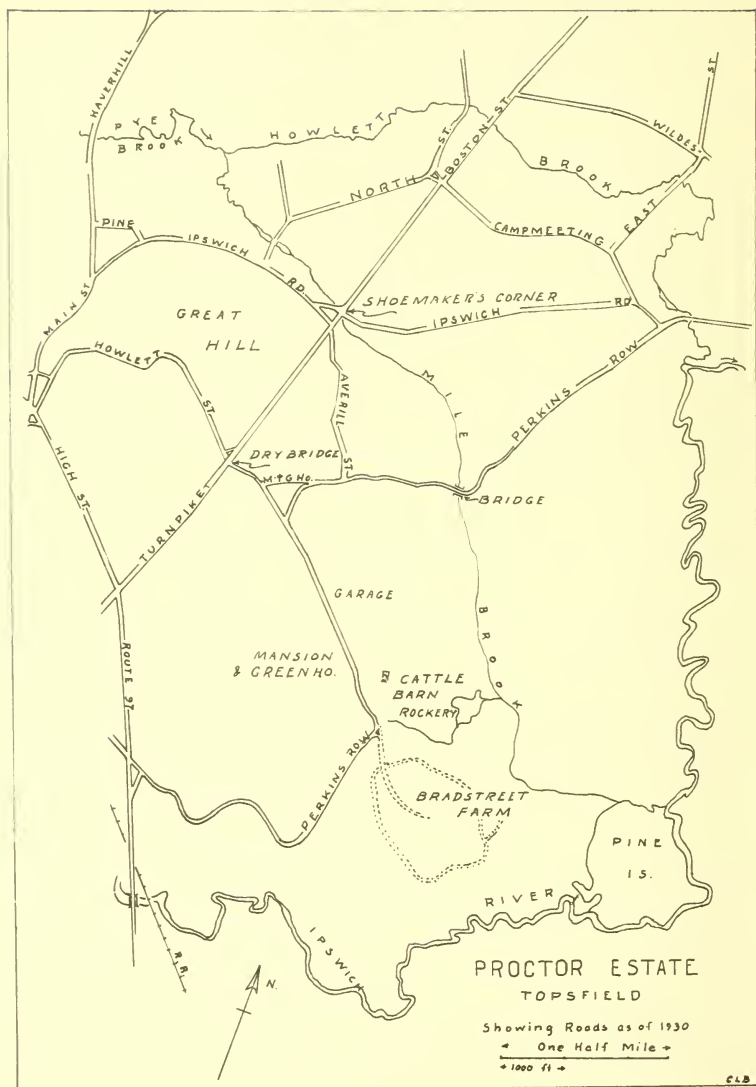
As has been mentioned, Mr. Proctor's first acquisitions were made in 1898, when he bought property on Mile Brook and the Ipswich River, to be followed shortly by the purchase of the Bradstreet Farm, now the Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary. By the time of the market crash in 1929, he had extended his holdings so that he owned virtually all the land between Perkins Row and the Ipswich River, from High Street to Ipswich Road. On the north and westerly sides of Perkins Row he owned most of the area as far as the Turnpike, with the exception of that reserved by Ephraim Perkins for woodland, of the Pentecost property (later known as the Maryknoll Sisters Seminary) the Oliver Thayer property and some house lots facing on High Street, all the way to Ipswich Road. Northerly of Ipswich Road he held the land between the Turnpike and East Street as far as Wildes Street.

Westerly of the Turnpike he owned Great Hill between Howlett Street and Ipswich Road and on both sides of North Street as far as Howlett Brook.

Although his income was largely from a trust set up by his father, Mr. Proctor apparently was involved in the stock market on margin, for he raised a large mortgage on his Topsfield property about the time of the market crash.

After the purchase of the Hutchings property, Mr. Proctor offered to build a new school for the Town to replace the old Academy Building which formerly stood on the knoll at the end of School Avenue. Feeling ran high over the design and facilities which he proposed. Many felt that the Town could not afford to maintain such a structure. It is reported that he wanted it to include a swimming pool and other athletic features. Some say that he wanted it to be built of field stone to which many objected, and that he was so hurt by the opposition to his offer that he ceased to be interested. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith is of the opinion that the Committee suggested to Mr. Proctor that it would undertake to build a school on the property he had donated for the purpose. Because of his heavy taxes and of the mortgage he was carrying at the time, this offer was accepted. Mrs. Smith did not attend the meeting at which this was discussed but feels that he was not disappointed at the outcome.

Mrs. Smith's explanation of the solution seems plausible and accounts for the fact that the name Proctor was



applied to the playing fields, but not to the school when it was completed in 1933. When Masconomet was built, and a new building on Perkins Row was named for the Steward family, it became necessary to have a name for the older Elementary School, and thus the name of Proctor came into use.

A portrait of Thomas Proctor hangs in the main entrance hall of the school. Painted by Alphonse Jongrff, it came from his father's home on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, after "Uncle Pete's" death in 1949, as a gift from his niece Emma Mandell Rice, as a memorial to "the first Baha'i of Topsfield". Mrs. Rice continues:

"He was a perfect gentleman - generous and devoted in all his cultural and philanthropic endeavors; a noted botanist, especially in orchids ... He was a wonderful friend and beyond compare "Uncle", for he not only grew and supplied his family and friends with beautiful flowers plants and fruits of all kinds the year 'round, but made a polo field for their pleasure, supplied ponies, stabling and accommodations for all concerned. He even shared his trotters and buggies to race down the old deserted Hamilton-Wenham-Essex Railroad bed. He provided food and canoes for Ipswich River picnics; ice boats to speed over the frozen marshes; snowshoes and cook-outs for long winter hikes thru the woods; huts for protection while fishing thru the ice; shelters, grain and hay for the wild life; pails for collecting maple syrup; bow and arrows for lawn competition; opera, symphony and theater tickets; charades and costumes for parties in his enchanting rockery by the self-made pond and open air gardens; rare books and games for both young and old to investigate by the open fire cold winter nights while popping corn and roasting home grown chestnuts."

Naturally an estate the size of Mr. Proctor's required a great deal of equipment and maintenance. In 1913, J. Frank McGregor came from Worcester to act as an extra chauffeur and handy man, and eventually was in charge of the entire water system and generating plant, staying on for the duration of Mr. Proctor's lifetime.

The wells were located near the southerly end of the polo field (now occupied by Candlewood Drive). Originally water was pumped to the Bradstreet Farm by a hot-air engine, fired by coal, and later a reservoir was constructed near the Pentecost House (later known as the Maryknoll Seminary). Another system took water from Howlett Brook near North St. to supply a subterranean irrigation layout under two polo fields, one on each side of North St. Some of the pipes of this system have recently been dug up in the course of home building that is currently being carried on. Until electric power eventually was extended

to Perkins Row a propane gas driven generator in the garage supplied the estate with electricity, through switches mounted on a marble panel. At the time of this writing (1973) the houses on Perkins Row from the Audubon Society to Howlett Street are still served by this water system.

Frank McGregor lived in the house just north of Shoemaker's Corner on the Newburyport Turnpike (Ipswich Road intersection) and raised a family of four boys and one girl. When the estate was settled he bought the house which is now occupied by John Quincy McGregor. To the latter we are indebted for much of the information herein contained relative to the employees and operations of the property. As a boy, Quincy had the run of the whole estate, and he confesses that while Mr. Proctor was in Boston he ran a string of traps which he was careful to remove before Tom came home. The skins he sold helped to eke out his meager income.

When he was old enough to go on the pay-roll, Quincy started as No. 5 man in the garage, and his job was to wash every car every time it came in. There were four or five convertibles and one town car which was used for guests.

In the early years, Tom rode the train to Boston, but later Quincy often drove him to his office, and then had the day to himself in town. He remembers Mr. Proctor as rather harsh with his employees (perhaps an attempt to cover the fact that he was considered effeminate) but Quincy says he was always treated with consideration, and Mr. Proctor would often say "I'll be ready to go at such a time; where shall I meet you?"

Quincy was never aware of any connection with the leather business, but believes the men in the Summer St. office were lawyers or concerned with financial transactions and land purchases.

Peter Kilhouley was responsible for the purchase and maintenance of the cars and saw to it that the "pecking order" was maintained in the garage. James Marlborough was a hard-working manager of the estate. He quit the job more than once, but always came back to it. He occupied the house on Perkins Row opposite Audubon Drive. Eva Benson, who is mentioned in Mr. Proctor's will was cook for the household for many years. Max Wahl, another beneficiary, and father of Miss Bertha Wahl of Topsfield served as valet.

Thomas J. Luxton was one of the earliest employees. He was in charge of the farm operations while Thomas A. Pierce had charge of the cattle barns. (These are still standing east of Perkins Row. One of the brick shops

has been remodelled into a residence.) Both had children born in Topsfield. Richard Diamond and Mr. McFarland were in charge of the polo ponies and driving horses. McFarland later went to work at Myopia Hunt Club.

Vincenzo DiFrancesco came from Abruzzi, Italy, to work as a gardener, and his son Luigi, as a farmer. They lived for many years in the house at #19 Averill Street, and later at #110 Ipswich Road, where the son still makes his home. A teamster, Campbell, lived in the house at #178 Ipswich Road, now owned by John Nutter.

Another teamster, Vernon Russell, now of Danvers, worked for Tom from 1927 to 1929. He not only feels that the wages were fair for the class of work he was doing but states that when he was laid up in the hospital at one time, Tom had a phone placed in his room so that he could call his family every day and he never had to pay a cent for his hospital bills. He remembers going to the French-Andrews house on Howlett Street to have dinner with the four Italian bachelors who lived there. They cooked their own meals, and he can still remember them spiced with peppers.

To reach the two polo fields on North Street, Mr. Proctor maintained bridle paths on both sides of the Turnpike from the Dry Bridge on Howlett Street to Campmeeting Road. In addition to this he supplied man power to grade and gravel the full length of Perkins Row, to plow the snow in winters and even to design and build a bridge over Mile Brook near the present well field. Proctor's stipulation that this bridge be designed so that a man, in a canoe, could pass beneath it accounts for its arched construction which we can see today.

Despite his fleet of automobiles he never gave up his love of horses, and he made a daily trip from his home to the Post Office in a carriage after he got home from Boston. In those days the office was open twelve hours a day, six days a week.

During 1932 and 1933, Mr. Proctor undertook to raise Aberdeen Angus cattle. A chief herdsman was brought over from Scotland. The two polo fields along North Street were planted to corn and fenced. Two silos were built, one on Howlett Street near the Baxter property and one on Ipswich Road on the property now owned by John Nutter. Great Hill and Manning's Hill (renamed by Real Estate dealers as Canterbury Hill) were fenced for grazing pastures. What caused the problem was never disclosed, but apparently something on the Great Hill disagreed with the cattle and many died, so the whole project was abandoned.

In 1942, Mr. Paul D. Brooks started working in the greenhouse, and despite what was a very low wage scale for war time, he continued until Mr. Proctor's death. Tom loved to walk, and up until his last years Mr. Brook often accompanied him. He was determined to go where he wanted, sometimes getting into bad footing from which Mr. Brooks found it difficult to extract him. Mr. Brooks lives in the triangle between Averill Street, Ipswich Road and the Turnpike in the house which he bought from the estate. He says, "Mr. Proctor was so proud of the trees that anyone who cut so much as a whip-lash was likely to get fired"

If the wages were low there were still many benefits for those who worked on the estate. In the early days everyone who worked there was given a bicycle; when anyone got to the point where he could afford a "Model T", Tom had a garage built for him; when the clothes yard was visible from the roadway, he had a lattice fence built to screen it; at Thanksgiving and Christmas every family on the estate and even some in the Village were given a turkey raised on the farm, and produce was dispensed generously. In the end everyone who had been employed for two years received \$500. and some of those who had been with him for long periods received \$100. for each year of service.

The Proctor will is very complicated in its attempt to determine the disposition of the income from a large number of trusts which it created, in case of specified beneficiaries pre-deceasing others, but the number of bequests was not particularly large. The interesting thing is that it contains no bequests to charity, which would indicate that he was of the school of thought that it is better for charity to come from the living.

The will dated August 19, 1936 with two codocils was probated in Essex County Probate Court following Mr. Proctor's death on March 21, 1949. When his memory began to fail him toward the end of his life, a conservator was appointed to manage his property, but so far as is known none of it was disposed of prior to his death.

Some may have thought the Audubon Society was given the Sanctuary, but Mr. Elmer Foye reports that it was purchased from the Proctor estate for \$50,000. by Mrs. Annie Hamilton Brown. When the Federal Government took over her Plum Island property she used the funds to help the Audubon Society acquire land in Topsfield, and this has since been increased by gifts from others.

Thomas Emerson Proctor, Jr. was descended from the Rev. John Emerson who passed away in Topsfield in 1774. Whether that was a factor in his choice of our town for his arboretum we do not know. I leave it to others to

determine how "great" a man he was. His fortune made it possible to create, within a town, an estate which undoubtedly was unique. With income and inheritance taxes, and a new attitude toward and within society, we are not likely to see such an estate again.

For fifty years Tom Proctor certainly influenced the lives of many persons in and about Topsfield. Whether, in the long run, the accumulation of land in the hands of one man is beneficial, may be open to question, for without direct heirs or organization to carry on, the Town was faced with a tremendous problem. One quarter of the land in town came on the market just as the country began its post war expansion and de-urbanization. The existence of the "Rockery" and its acquisition by the Audubon Society with something like one third of the estate somewhat softened the blow, although it made a large area tax free. What further can we say? Topsfield survived! Well - ? H - mm.

TOWN OF TOPSFIELD

TRUST FUNDS

ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY BY DONORS

SUBSCRIPTIONS

MEMORIALS

WILLS

WITH NOTES ON THE DONORS

TRUST FUNDS RELATING TO TOPSFIELD

DONOR: JUSTIN ALLEN, M.D. of Topsfield Essex Probate
#104,508

DATE: Will, September 28, 1908
Died, November 5, 1908
Bequest received 1909

AMOUNTS: \$8,000. for Civil War Memorial
\$1,000. for purchase of books

4th Paragraph - I give to the Town of Topsfield Eight Thousand (8,000) dollars to erect a monument suitable to commemorate the lives of the citizens of Topsfield who enlisted in the United States Army in defense of the country in the great rebellion of 1861 - 1865. The monument to be erected in or near the village.

Note: The so-called monument fund was made up from the money left over after the erection of the memorial on the Common.

2nd page, bottom - I give the Town of Topsfield One Thousand (1,000) Dollars to be invested as a permanent fund, the income of which shall be expended annually for the purchase of books on history and biography for the Town Library.

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Justin Allen, born in 1826, was the son of Ezekiel and Sallie (Roberts) Allen of Hamilton. A biographical sketch of him by G. F. Dow may be found in Volume XIV of the Topsfield Historical Collections. The following report of the Topsfield Town Library Trustees occurs in Annual Report of the Town for February 1, 1908 - February 1, 1909, p. 53:

"Thirty four years ago the Topsfield Town Library was founded. At a special town-meeting held January 9, 1874, Justin Allen, M. D. was elected a member of the Board of Trustees and consecutively thereafter was re-elected, serving until the day of his death which occurred November 5, 1908. In the early years of the Library's existence he filled the position of the Treasurer of its funds, but in 1882 he was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees and held the office until the end. He also served as a committee for the purchase of books for nearly the entire period of his trusteeship. Next to the practice of his profession, the Town received his most careful attention. He was constant in its oversight; judicious and painstaking in the selection of books to be added to its shelves; and ever watchful of its financial needs. The growth of the library and the permanent worth and excellence of the volumes upon its shelves are a monument to his affectionate care."

DONOR: ALBERT A. CONANT Report on Library Funds
Topsfield Annual Town Report
1912

DATE: Solicitation 1877

AMOUNT: \$1,031.

PURPOSE: The 1912 report states "At about this time (1877) Albert A. Conant, a true friend of the Library, collected the following amounts:

Mrs. R. Beach	\$50.
Albert A. Conant	100.
John W. Emerson	100.
Charles Herrick	25.
William B. Kimball	10.
Arthur M. Merriam	100.
Thomas W. Peirce	100.
Albert C. Perkins	25.
Joseph E. Stanwood	50.
David Pingree	120.
Richard Price	101.
Mrs. Gilbert Thornton	20.
Mrs. H. H. Welch	25.
Moses Wildes	100.
A friend	5

"The amount of \$1,031. was represented according to the old records as follows:

Railroad Stock and Scrip	\$900.
Mining Stock	100.
	<u>\$1000."</u>

The fact that the subscription raised by Conant was invested from the beginning would indicate that the income only was to be used for the Library. In the 1891 report of the Library Trustees they state that all the Library Funds were transferred to the new Board.

Mr. Conant served together with Mrs. Esther W. Hutchings and Miss Sara S. Edwards as volunteer Librarians for a period following the death of the original, the Rev. Anson McCloud. Perhaps for this reason his name appears on the list of donors to the General Library Fund.

- Middlesex Probate
- DONOR: DAVID CUMMINGS, of Somerville, Mass.
- DATE: Will, October 8, 1907
 Filed, April, 1910
- AMOUNTS: \$4,000. to poor persons
 \$1,000. South Side Cemetery
 \$2,000. Topsfield Historical Society
- ITEM 17: To the Town of Topsfield, Mass., the sum of Four Thousand Dollars, to invest and hold, and each year pay the income thereof to poor persons living in said Town.
- ITEM 18: To the Town of Topsfield the further sum of One Thousand Dollars to invest and hold, and use the income thereof for the perpetual care of the South Topsfield Burying Ground, and special care to be given to the two Cummings' Lots therein.
- ITEM 11: To the Topsfield Historical Society of Topsfield, Mass., a corporation under the laws of Massachusetts, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Corporation. (This bequest was used in 1912 in the purchase of the Capen House.)
- ITEM 19: All the rest . . . of my estate . . . to be divided by the executors of this will among the legatees ratable in proportion of their legacies . . . then my executors should divide said residue into two hundred fifty equal parts and pay out the same as follows:-
- . . . to said Topsfield Historical Society, two parts; . . . to said Town of Topsfield, four parts for the Poor Fund; and one part for the Burying Ground Fund. (The will included 18 bequests of which 12 were for charitable use.)

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David Cummings, born in Middleton June 24, 1827, was the son of Samuel Cummings, and Joanna Andrews of Gloucester. The fact that his will does not mention any children would indicate that he had no direct descendants. Although he was neither born nor buried in Topsfield the fact that his birth was recorded in the vital statistics of Topsfield and his death noted in the publication of the Historical Society would indicate that he was closely

associated with the home of his ancestors.

The Commissioners of Trust Funds reported in 1913 that "the estate consisted largely of Stock of the United Shoe Machinery Co., and as the Executors of the estate did not wish to sell the stock at the time the distribution was made, on account of the peculiar condition of the market for this stock, occasioned by the Federal investigation, the beneficiaries were asked to take the stock in settlement of their bequests, and in accordance with the vote of the Town the following receipt was signed by the Town Treasurer and stock accepted."

March 26, 1912 . .	\$4,000.
March 14, 1913 . .	2,160.
Sept. 22, 1913 . .	<u>176.</u>
	\$6,336.

Essex Probate 242,309

DONOR: ALICE GOLDSMITH DOW, of Topsfield

DATE: Filed in Salem Sept. 10, 1953

AMOUNTS: 2 bequests of \$1000. each

ITEM 8: To the Topsfield Library, the sum of one thousand dollars to be known as the "GEORGE FRANCIS DOW FUND" and the income to be used for the purchase of books of reference in said Library.

ITEM 9: To the Topsfield Historical Society the sum of one thousand dollars to form the nucleus of a fund for the erection of a museum building, preferably in the rear of the Parson Capen House.

NOTE: This item is not a responsibility of the Commissioners of Trust Funds.

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Alice Goldsmith Dow, born August, 1870 was the daughter of Rev. Andrew S. and Louise (Goldsmith) Waters.

At the time of her marriage, June 1, 1920, to George Francis Dow she was recorded as of Salem.

From her earliest days in Topsfield she was interested in the Library and served as an assistant to her sister-in-law, Lena Dow, who was Librarian. About 1923, it would appear, based on the change in salaries, Lena became Assistant Librarian while doing most of the work, and Alice became Librarian for the munificent salary of \$40. per annum plus the honor thereto attached.

At the time of her death, Alice had given up active participation in operating the Library, but she maintained her interest in it and in the Historical Society which her husband had helped to found. In the 1953 Annual Report of the Town of Topsfield the Library Trustees paid the following tribute;

"The Trustees share with the townspeople their regret in the passing of Alice Dow, who, for a quarter of a century gave so generously of herself as our Town Librarian. Mrs. Dow left a bequest to the Library of a trust fund, the income of which is to be spent on reference books. It is a fitting memorial which will remain of constant value to the town and serve to perpetuate Mr. & Mrs. Dow's devoted interest in the cultural facilities of our community, both past and future."

Mr. Dow, an antiquarian and author, had been accumulating information for a History of Topsfield over a period of forty years. After his death Mrs. Dow, with some assistance obtained with W.P.A. (Works Progress Admin.) Funds, finished it and had it published.

Essex Probate #100 755

DONOR: SARAH STICKNEY EDWARDS, of Haverhill

DATE: 1907

AMOUNT: \$500. to the Town Library
\$500. to the Congregational Church

ITEM 7: I give and bequeath to the body corporate owning the Public Library now established in said Topsfield, the sum of five hundred dollars, to be applied for the benefit of such library in such manner as said body corporate may determine.

NOTE: As the body corporate owning the Library is the Town (the Library Trustees are not incorporated) the Commissioners of Trust funds have determined that any use of the Principal to be applied for the benefit of such library would have to be voted by the Town. The income from the bequest is voted upon annually.

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Sarah Stickney Edwards was the daughter of John and Mary Ann (Marsh) Edwards, born in Haverhill A. D. 1839, died unmarried, A. D. 1907 in Haverhill. As a young girl she came to Topsfield and lived with her aunt, Mrs. Royal A. Merriam (the Doctor's wife) returning to Haverhill after her aunt's death in 1887. While living here she was much interested in the Town Library and served as a volunteer worker.

There is a picture of her in Volume XVI page 60 of the Historical Collections, Topsfield Historical Society.

DONOR: Middlesex Probate #28033
DANIEL PORTER GALLOUPE, of Lowell

DATE: Will - 7, August 1884
Died - May 5, 1890

AMOUNT: \$3,022.07 i.e. One fifteenth of Trust Fund
which amounted to \$45,331.05

ITEM #6: One fifteenth of the sum in trust to be paid to the Town of Topsfield, in the County of Essex and State of Massachusetts. Said sum to be invested as a Library fund, and the interest only expended annually in the purchase of books for their Public Library. Provided, however, that the Town accept the sum donated on the conditions above and faithfully administer the same. When they cease to do so the sum donated shall revert to my legal heirs.

1st and Final Account filed Aug. 6, 1895 showed 15 recipients, the Town of Topsfield as next to last.

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NOTE: Daniel's brother was named David Balch Galloupe. Daniel Porter Gallop (sic in Town Record) was born January 10, 1807, the son of Israel and Betsy Gallop. In 1844 he delivered an address before the American Institute of Instruction at Portland, Maine. In the History of Topsfield he is called one of the benefactors of the Topsfield Town Library, and his name appears on the placque in the foyer. The bridge over Pye Brook on Haverhill St. is sometimes called Galloupe's bridge.

Essex Probate #140 851

DONOR: GEORGE L. GOULD

DATE: Signed May 12, 1921 - Died Oct. 30, 1921
Codocil Sept. 13, 1921
Proved Dec. 19, 1921

- ITEM #13: "To the Town of Topsfield, Mass. toward a fund for the erection of or payment for a suitable building for a public library and kindred purposes." This fund was used in 1934 on the present building.
- ITEM #14: "To the Town of Topsfield, Mass. the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars toward a fund to be held as a permanent fund and the interest alone to be used in renewing, enriching and reseeding the soil on the common and keeping the grass and edges cut, with the hope and expectation that this fund will be largely increased by private subscription and town appropriation . . ."
- ITEM #15: "To the Town of Topsfield, Mass. toward a fund to be held as a permanent fund and the interest alone to be used for town improvements, tree planting, and the care and beautifying of small public reservations, the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars, to be expended under the supervision of the Board of Park Commissioners to be elected by the town as provided by law, the Town having accepted the Act . . ."
- ITEM #16: "To the Town of Topsfield, Mass. Five Hundred (500) Dollars, toward a fund to be held as a permanent fund and the income alone to be used, to keep in better condition the ancient, or south-westerly, part of the cemetery on Haverhill St., including the ancient grave-stones not taken care of by the descendants of those worthies buried there. This bequest, however is conditional upon the expenditure of not less than Five Hundred (500) dollars to be provided by the Town or by private subscription to improve the existing conditions and to enrich and reseed the land of this portion of the cemetery so that everything, including grave-stones and foundations and stone-wall and fences, shall be in good condition, it being my desire that the income from the fund herein provided, and which I hope will be increased from other sources, shall be used to maintain forever this portion of the cemetery in a permanent and dignified manner, but not to

ITEM #16: change materially its ancient appearance, which (Cont.) must be retained.

"If sufficient funds are ever in hand I would recommend that records be made and printed, if not already done, giving all information obtainable pertaining to interments which have been made in this ancient burying ground of many of our ancestors, all outward evidence of same having been either wholly obliterated by Time or else having become almost illegible on the tablets. If Five hundred (500) dollars to place this portion in good condition has not been raised or expended within two years after my decease, this legacy shall lapse."

Note: The annual report for December, 1923 gives the information that \$461 was raised by subscription and \$200 appropriated. It would appear that this sum was spent on the original reconditioning and the bequest was set up as a permanent fund, the income used to keep the 'ancient' portion of the cemetery in order.

ITEM #26: Sets up a Trust which in 1974 was being administered by one surviving daughter, Mrs. Rosamond Gould Childs, and the Malden Trust Co.

ITEM #27: "After the death of any two of my three children, MIRIAM, BERTRAM and ROSAMOND, the one then remaining shall have the power to dispose by will of one-half of the principal of the trust fund established by section 26 of this will, including in the designation, 'trust fund' the principal of the separate funds for the benefit of my son Warren and his wife, Hattie and my cousin, Mary Elizabeth, if established, when released by the death of the annuitant. The remaining half of said trust fund, (and the whole under certain circumstances hereinafter recited) shall, when and as released as above provided, be distributed as follows:- (3 relatives or their issue by right of representation, each fifth) one fifth to the TOWN OF TOPSFIELD, Mass., to be held as a fund, one half of the income of which is to be expended in the purchase of books for the Public Library, and the balance for the purchase of works of art, if provision shall have been made for the reception of such articles; if not, said one-half is to be used for the repair and upkeep of the library building and grounds; (and a Malden Church the remaining one fifth)"

ITEM #27: "I recognize the possibility that under the provisions of section 26 of this will there may be several periods of distribution for this fund and the additions which may accrue to it under sections 1 and 2 of this will. If at the time set for any such distribution through failure or death of issue, or for any other reason, any of the five legatees whether a class, an individual, a corporation, shall no longer exist so the payment to such legatee cannot be made, the remaining legatees whether four or less in number, shall divide the payment equally."

"If the survivor of my three children * * * shall fail to exercise by will this power of appointment the one half of the trust fund over which the survivor had power of appointment shall be distributed in equal shares among the issue of my children named above who shall take by right of representation. In default of such issue living at the death of the survivor of said three children, the one half shall be added to the other one-half above disposed of, to increase the equal shares the payment from that fund."

Note: At the request of the Trustees, the Probate Court has decreed the income from the one half to this trust be paid to Rosamond Gould Childs for her lifetime. She was born in 1888 and has no children.

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George L. Gould was born February 6, 1852. Married Lizzie Lawrence Cooke (1856-1916) June 23, 1875. They had four children, Bertram, Miriam, Rosamond and Warren. He died October 30, 1921, in Malden, buried in Topsfield.

A letter from his daughter, Rosamond Childs of Utica, New York, 1974 states "Father was interested in many outside things, Massachusetts Historic and Genealogical Society, the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Sons of the American Revolution and was a member or on the boards of some of these organizations."

The house in which the family lived in Topsfield, presently numbered 42 Washington St., built in 1895, and called 'Pinelands' was on land which included Glen Road and Porter Meadow Road. According to tradition this tract went back in the Gould family to an original grant from the Crown, but according to the Topsfield History, Zaccheus Gould was living on the Patrick grant about 1644.

George Gould published a "Sketch of the Paint, Oil, Varnish and Allied Trades of Boston since 1800 A.D." in 1914. His home appears to have been in Malden. Neither his birth nor marriage are recorded in the Topsfield Vital Statistics.

DONOR: DEBORAH KIMBALL (fund)

DATE: October, 1879 100th Anniversary

FUND: For the celebration of her one hundredth birthday a collection was taken up in Topsfield. The overlay was set up in a fund, the interest from which was to be 'paid to single aged women living in their own homes in Topsfield.'

About 1965 the then Trustees asked the Town to accept the fund and place it under the Commissioners of Trust Funds for Topsfield. The Town accepted the grant and the Commissioners received \$515.38 in the form of a Savings Account in the Danvers Savings Bank.

NOTE: Deborah, daughter of William and Phebe (Dwinell) Easty was born in October, 1779, marriage intentions filed March 18, 1798 to Benjamin Kimball. He died in 1813. She had three sons born in Topsfield, David, Benjamin, Jr. and William Estey. According to the History of Topsfield her husband was taken prisoner during the war of 1812 while serving aboard a man-of-war.

- Suffolk County Probate
- DONOR: DR. JOHN A. LAMSON, of Boston
- DATE: Will - December 4, 1905
Probated - January 25, 1912
Bequest received in 1920, after death of
Mrs. Lamson
- ITEM: . . . the sum of five thousand dollars to the
Town of Topsfield, Massachusetts, to be invested
by said Town and kept at interest and called the
Lamson Fund and the interest thereof to be used
annually for the purchase of books for the Town
Library in said Town of Topsfield.
- NOTE: In the Annual Report of the Town dated Feb. 1,
1912 the Library Trustees stated, "On two or
more occasions, during the past twenty years,
Doctor Lamson made to this Library generous
gifts of books and now he has become a benefact-
or of the Town and for all time has publicly
connected his name with the place of his birth,
for no man can raise a more enduring memorial
than by giving to education a fund that shall
live after him . . ."

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In Volume XVI, page 31, of the Topsfield Historical Collections there is a lengthy account of Dr. Lamson's accomplishments. Born March 3, 1831, the son of John and Priscilla (Averill) Lamson, he was educated at Phillips Andover and Dartmouth College. For his medical career in civilian and army service see the aforementioned volume.

He was amember of the Boston School Board for ten years and in 1871 was elected a member of the Legislature.

He married Mary Elizabeth Whitcher of Milton in October, 1876.

TRUST FUNDS RELATING TO TOPSFIELD

DONOR: HENRY FOLLANSBEE LONG

MEMORIAL FUND BY SUBSCRIPTION - 1956

PURPOSE: Purchase of books on government and taxation for the Library.

AMOUNT: \$375.00

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Henry F. Long was born September 29, 1883, the son of Ira P. Long and Hattie Follansbee. He married Margaret Pingree of Lewiston, Maine, and had three children born in Topsfield, Henry Pingree, Ransome F. and Catharine L. (Mrs. Godfrey G. Torrey).

As a young man Mr. Long served the Town in many capacities. He was a Trustee of the Topsfield Library from 1906-1907, Auditor from 1908-1910, Selectman from 1911-1915, Assessor from 1913-1915, Town Hall Committee from 1913-1915, Commissioner of Trust Funds 1914-1916.

At the same time he was a devoted contributor to the Historical Collections, writing articles on the Turnpike, the Railroad, Physicians in Topsfield, Post Office in Topsfield, Salt Marshes of the Massachusetts Coast, Streets and Ways, and copies of the Town Clerk's Records, 1700 on.

Subsequently Governor Coolidge appointed Mr. Long to the office of Commissioner of Taxation which job he filled most efficiently for a period of nearly forty years. He had the remarkable ability to carry a train of thought on several subjects at the same time. On one occasion a Topsfield citizen had reason to call upon him at the State House and found him dictating to two secretaries on different subjects at the same time!

Death came on March 30, 1956 and a Memorial Fund was collected to purchase books for the Topsfield Library.

Essex Probate #46,871

DONOR: SYDNEY A. MERRIAM

DATE: No will - Sept. 1, 1876

AMOUNT: \$1,000. (Bond)

REFERENCE: Dow's History of Topsfield, page 441 "... among the last acts of his life, secured to it a thousand dollar bond, the annual income of which is to be devoted to its (Free Town Library) use."

The first time any expenditure for the Library appears in a Town Report is in the one dated March 1, 1880. The first report of the Library Committee which appeared in a Town Report was dated March 1, 1883.

In the Annual Town Report of March 1, 1892, page 40, the Trustees of the Town Library report-- "At the last Annual Town Meeting the Board of Trustees of the Library was reorganized in accordance with a recent statute, and all the Library funds were transferred to the new Board, including the munificent bequest (\$5,000.) of Moses Wildes . . ."

NOTE: The funds turned over to the new Board included \$1,500. besides the \$5,000. Wildes bequest. It would appear that the first figure included the Merriam Bond plus \$500., probably the subscription solicited in 1875 referred to in Dow's History, page 440.

While the income only is to be used, there appear to be no strings attached to such income's use.

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Sydney Augustus Merriam, son of Dr. Royal and Adeline (Marsh) Merriam was born March 11, 1841. He was one of the most active members of the Library Committee which collected books from a number of small societies and obtained space in the Town Hall which had just been completed.

He died intestate, leaving a brother, Arthur M. and his mother. His estate comprised one half interest in 68 acres of land in Topsfield (north of Washington St.) and in one horse, wagon and harness.

Essex Probate #167 652

DONOR: ELLEN F. (KIMBALL) MORGAN

DATE: Death June 3, 1930
Bequest received 1931ITEM 3: To the public Library in the Town of Topsfield
\$500. said sum to be used in the purchase of
Historical Works.ITEM 26: (Wording changed in codocil now reads:)
"I direct the executor to pay to the Town of
Topsfield or such corporation, board of trustees
or individual as may properly receive the same,
the income thereof to be used for the perpetual
care of my cemetery lot situated in said town."The codocil further directs the executor to ex-
pend not in excess of \$1,500. for putting lot
in suitable condition with a granite curb. Bills
indicate this was probably done.

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Ellen was the daughter of William E. and Mary A.
(Reed) Kimball. She was born in March, 1842, but her
birth is not recorded in Topsfield Town records. At the
age of twenty nine she married Isaac A. Morgan, master
mariner, age 62, February 4, 1874. He died May 14, 1878,
and Ellen survived him 52 years. She died in Bourne, Mas-
sachusetts. She was the aunt of Frederick S., Paul R. and
William B. Kimball.

(It would appear from the records that she was not quite
accurate as to her age when she applied for her marriage
license.)

Capt. Morgan is buried in Manchester. Ellen, as his
second wife, chose to have her own lot in Topsfield.

DONOR: CHARLES JOEL PEABODY
Essex Probate
#168878

DATE: Will - Died November 5, 1930

AMOUNT \$500.

ITEM #8: "I give to the Town of Topsfield the sum of \$500.00, said sum to be safely invested and to be known as the Charles J. Peabody School Fund, the interest of this amount to be used each year by the School Committee for the purchase of such small articles of use or equipment in the school as may be needed and are not provided for in the annual budget."

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Charles J. Peabody was born September 1847, son of Joel R. and Sarah (Dole) Peabody. Married June 2, 1875, Annie R. Smith, daughter of Richard and Mary A. Smith. Died November 5, 1930. He was called a farmer at time of marriage.

He was the first Vice-President of the Topsfield Historical Society. In Volume XXVI, page 113 there is an article by him relating to the house at #28 Wenham Road and some interesting comparative figures for costs of articles, 1820 versus 1920.

He had two daughters born in Topsfield.

Essex County Probate #50328

DONOR: ANNAR PINGREE

DATE: Will: 20, May 1872 - Died March 1, 1875

ITEM: "I give and bequeath to the Town of Topsfield \$5,000. in Trust, the same to be invested and the income, from time to time, to be distributed by the Overseers of the Poor, among the honest and deserving poor as the Overseers may judge best. But it is not for the Poor House."

ITEM: Same wording and amount to the City of Salem.

ITEM: The real estate she had received from her late uncle, Thomas Perkins was left to the sons of her late brothers, Thomas and David.

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Annar was the daughter of Asa and Annar (Perkins) Pingree, born in Rowley in 1797, and died in Topsfield in January, 1875. Her body was eventually removed to Salem for burial.

Annar never married and there is little or nothing in the records to show that she took an active part in the affairs of the Town, but her father was an influential citizen of the Town as well as in Salem. He was involved in the attempt to start a separate church in Topsfield called the Congregational Society, using Unitarian preachers for its occasional meetings. The family home is now occupied by the David Wheatlands.

Suffolk Probate #67759½
See Vol. 539, P. 102

DONOR: WILLIAM STEARNS

DATE: February 13, 1882
Proved July 24, 1882
Received 1920

PURPOSE: For the benefit of the Public Library

ITEM #8: I hereby devise and bequeath to the Town of Topsfield, at the death of my wife, Elizabeth R. Stearns, five hundred (\$500) dollars to be held in trust by the Selectmen, or some authorized agent of said Town, the income from which shall be appropriated annually for the benefit of the Public Library in the said Town, said amount to be paid by my said executors to the agent of said Town authorized to receive the same for the purpose herein named.

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Elizabeth R. Stearns lived until about 1915 and on October 23, 1916 Charles W. Perkins was appointed agent to sell some remaining property to enable the estate to be settled. Mr. Perkins advised the Court in 1917 that the land was vacant and that he had been unable to find a purchaser. He asked to be released from his appointment. This appears in Middlesex Probate #109,892. On the outside of the envelope in pencil is written "Public Auction for no less than said prices" but I found nothing to indicate the outcome.

The Commissioners of Trust Funds in their report for 1915 make reference to the fact that they had received notice from the Probate Court to the Board of Selectmen, asking permission of interested parties to sell certain real estate. Annual Report 1915, Page 82.

Nothing more appears until the Annual Report of 1920, page 71 where, under General Library Funds, Income, an item 'Principal Bequest Wm. Stearns \$500.00.' Neither the Commissioners of Trust Funds nor the Library Department made any acknowledgement of this bequest.

This fund has always been carried, since that time, under General Library Funds. The omission of it from the list of Library benefactors appears to have been made in the printing of the reports, but the funds are still intact as of January 1, 1972.

No one has been found in 1971 who knows what William

Stearns interest in the Topsfield Library was. The Library was started about 1875 and his will written only seven years later, so he must have had some connection within that period.

Essex County Probate #68344

DONOR: MOSES WILDES III

DATE: Will 19 Oct. 1885
Probate Nov. 5, 1889

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BEQUEST: I give to the Town of Topsfield, in said County, Five Thousand Dollars, and direct that the same shall be invested as a permanent fund, and the interest accruing therefrom shall be used annually for replenishing the Topsfield Library except that if at any time the principal shall be impaired by unsound investments or any other way, the interest shall be added to the balance of the principal until the same is restored to the original amount.

INTERPRETATION: In 1935 the Commissioners of Trust Funds for the Town requested the Probate Court to interpret the meaning of the wording and on June 19, 1935 the Court ordered and decreed "that any income of the trust fund created in the second article of the will of Moses Wildes, except such income as may be required to make good loss of principal under the provisions of said second article, may be used for the general purposes of the library, including maintaining, furnishing, and equipping the library building, and such income is not required to be used solely for the purchase of replacement of books."

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Moses Wildes III, son of Moses and Esther (Dwinell) Wildes was born in Topsfield, June 11, 1809. At one time he was interested in the Hotel at the corner of the Turnpike and High St., but with the coming of the Railroad that institution failed. Later he became an owner of another hotel on Elm St., Boston, which apparently flourished.

Moses III had a cousin Moses II who was born one year later; both lived in Topsfield; Moses III died in 1889 and his cousin in 1895. His will also left \$5,000 to the Congregational Parish, money to several Boston charities and the residue to his nieces and nephews. He never married. On his death certificate he is listed as 'farmer' but it is evident that he had many business enterprises.

There is a genealogy of the Wildes family in Essex Co. in Vol. XI of the Topsfield Historical Collections.

TOWN OF TOPSFIELD

TOWN OFFICERS

1900 - 1950

ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY

The following list is taken from Town Reports. The dates given may not be the limits of his or her term of office. If an office was held prior to 1900 or after 1950 there is no indication in this list of the complete tenure.

TOWN OFFICERS 1900 - 1950

ABBOTT, WILLIAM C.
Finance Committee 1948-1950

ALLEN, DR. JUSTIN
Trustees of Public Library 1900-1909

ANDERSON, PETER
Board of Registrars 1934-1936
Election Officer 1937

ANDREWS, ALFRED N.
Public Weigher 1929-1930
Public Weigher and Weigher of Coal 1931-1941; 1943-1950
Memorial Day Committee 1924-1927
Weigher of Coal 1929-1930

ANDREWS, ARCHER C.
Forest Fire Wards 1905-1907
Fire Wards 1904-1911
Constable 1908
Town Hall Committee 1911-1912
Election Officer 1947-1948

ANDREWS, CHESTER C.
Auditor 1916

ANDREWS, GLADYS C.
Election Officer 1947-1949

ANDREWS, HENRY M.
Commissioner of Cemeteries 1901-1904

ANDREWS, IRA R.
Forest Fire Wards 1908-1911
Road Surveyor 1902-1914

ANDREWS, WILLIAM S.
Field Driver 1917
Overseer of the Poor 1927
Trustees for Disbursement Poor Fund Income 1927-1934*
Board of Public Welfare 1928-1934*
Commissioner of Cemeteries 1927-1929; 1931-1933
Sealer of Weights and Measures 1928-1932
*Resigned

ANDREWS, WILLIAM T.
Memorial Day Committee 1930
Fire Department 1928-1929
Sealer of Weights and Measures 1933-1942

ASHLEY, HARRISON C.
Fire Ward 1915-1918*
*Died during year

ASHLEY, HARRY B.
Town Hall Committee 1909-1912
Fire Wards 1907-1911

AVERELL, GEORGE F.
Memorial Day Committee 1901
Road Surveyor 1900-1914
Assessor 1907
Overseers of the Poor 1900-1926
Trustees of Annar Pingree Fund 1900-1914
Selectmen 1911-1912
Trustees for Disbursement of Poor Funds Income 1915-1926
Memorial Day Committee 1918-1923; 1925-1926

AVERILL, E. PERKINS
Memorial Day Committee 1901; 1920-1923
Field Driver 1900-1901
Fire Wards 1906-1907
Care of Town Common 1927-1929

BABCOCK, E. STEPHEN
Cemetery Commissioner 1949-1950

BAILEY, MERRILL
School Committee 1907-1914

BALCH, FRANKLIN
School Committee 1909-1916
Selectmen 1907-1908; 1919-1924
Assessor 1907-1913; 1920-1948
Trustees of Public Library 1901-1945
Commissioner of Cemeteries 1918-1920
Moderator 1921; 1925-1948

BALENTINE, ALVAH H.
Water Commissioner 1950

BALENTINE, HERMAN W.
Fire Department 1950

BANKS, H. T.
Memorial Day Committee 1946

BARKER, RALPH W.
Field Driver 1918
Fire Wards 1915-1917

BAXTER, DR. WILLIAM
Memorial Day Committee 1925-1926

BEAL, L.
Slaughter House Inspector 1913

BECK, HENRY
Fire Wards 1917-1918

BLAISDELL, JAMES A.
Forest Fire Wards 1900
Road Surveyor 1900
Overseers of the Poor 1900
Fire Wards 1900
Trustees of Annar Pingree Fund 1900

BOND, C. LAWRENCE
Park Commissioner 1936-1950
Commissioner of Trust Funds 1948-1950

BOUCHARD, DR. LAURENT A.
Trustee of Town Library 1949-1950

BRADSTREET, HORTON D.
Finance Committee 1929-1934

BROWN, CLARENCE L.
Road Commissioner 1915-1918; 1922-1924

BURNHAM, FLORENCE
Election Officer 1947; 1950

BURNHAM, GEORGE W.
Surveyors of Lumber 1905
Measurer of Wood and Bark 1904
Fence Viewer 1901-1904

BURNHAM, GLADYS F.

Trustee of Town Library 1949-1950

BURNHAM, WAYLAND E.

Fire Wards 1919-1924

Forest Warden 1919-1920

Moth Superintendent 1930-1936

Forest Warden and Moth Superintendent 1921-1924

Tree Warden 1933-1937*

Road Commissioner 1937-1950

Police Officer 1937-1939

Reserve Officer 1940-1948; 1950

Field Driver 1933-1950

Election Officer 1938

*Resigned

CAMPBELL, CURTIS

Finance Committee 1940-1950

CAMPBELL, GEORGE R.

Election Officer 1944-1946

CARMODY, CHARLES

Road Surveyor 1904-1905

CARPENTER, LLOYD P.

Memorial Day Committee 1939-1942

Election Officer 1938

CARR, EVERETT

Weighers of Coal 1916-1919

CARTER, A. BELMAN

Selectmen 1933-1947

Memorial Day Committee 1944-1945

CARTER, FRANCIS N.

Accountant 1942-1950

Commissioner of Trust Funds 1941-1950

CASS, JOHN J.

Memorial Day Committee 1921-1927; 1931

CASS, J. W.

Road Surveyor 1912

CASS, THOMAS E.

Fire Wards 1919-1924

Fire Department 1925-1927

Forest Warden 1926-1927

CASTLE, JAMES K.

Election Officer 1948; 1950

CASTLE, MANUEL F.

School Committee 1918

Fire Wards 1916-1922

CHURCHILL, ARTHUR

Election Officer 1944

CLIFFORD, E. S.

Slaughter House Inspector 1906

COLE, ALBERT H.

Fire Wards 1919-1922

COLLINS, MICHAEL

Road Surveyor 1907-1914

COLLINS, PATRICK F.
Board of Registrars 1921-1936
Election Officer 1937-1941

CONANT, ALBERT A.
Trustees of Public Library 1900

CONANT, DANIEL A.
Forest Fire Wards 1900-1911
Road Surveyor 1906-1909; 1912-1913

CRAM, H. O.
Fire Wards 1901-1903

CROCKER, RICHARD E.
Public Weigher and Weigher of Coal 1939-1950

CROSBY, G. P.
Field Driver 1905

CULLITON, EDWARD S.
Sealer of Weights and Measures 1943-1944

D'AGOSTINO, ANTONIO
Public Weigher and Weigher of Coal 1938-1940

D'AGOSTINO, NICHOLAS
Election Officer 1948

DAY, GEORGE
Memorial Day Committee 1944
Town Forest Committee 1949-1950

DINGLE, FRED W.
Finance Committee 1918-1925

DODGE, ALBERT M.
Trustees of Public Library 1900-1948
Election Officer 1937-1939; 1944

DODGE, C. F.
Collector of Taxes 1906
Weigher of Coal 1910-1912
Measurer of Grain and Weigher of Coal 1913-1915

DODGE, J. H.
Road Surveyor 1907

DONALDSON, WELLINGTON
School Committee 1900-1910
Selectmen 1900-1904; 1909-1910
Assessor 1908-1912

DOW, EUGENE M.
Fire Wards 1901-1903; 1905-1911; 1915-1917
Surveyor of Lumber 1919-1929
Finance Committee 1922-1923
Memorial Day Committee 1925-1927; 1929
Measurers of Wood and Bark 1921-1929
Measurer of Lumber and Wood 1937-1950

DOW, GEORGE FRANCIS
Auditor 1901-1907
School Committee 1900-1902
Selectmen 1900
Trustees of Public Library 1908-1936*
Park Commissioner 1923-1936*
Commissioner of Cemeteries 1923-1936*
Commissioner of Trust Funds 1926-1936*
*Died during year

DOW, GEORGE P.
Field Driver 1900

DWINELL, JOHN W.
Forest Fire Wards 1904-1911
Road Surveyor 1901
Fire Wards 1912-1918
Finance Committee 1926-1941

EDWARDS, BENJAMIN P.
School Committee 1900
Trustees of Public Library 1900-1902

EDWARDS, ROGER J.
School Committee 1941-1942; 1945-1949

ELLARD, GEORGE
Election Officer 1943

ELLARD, J.
Road Surveyor 1910-1911

ELLIOTT, CLAYTON
Public Weigher and Weighers of Coal 1949-1950

ELLIOTT, CLIFTON
Public Weigher and Weighers of Coal 1949-1950

ELLIOTT, J. A.
Fire Wards 1908-1909

ELLIOTT, THOMAS E.
Finance Committee 1918-1921
Fire Wards 1918
Memorial Day Committee 1924
Fire Department 1928-1929

EMERY, WILLARD
Park Commissioner 1923
Commissioner of Trust Funds 1922-1923

ENGLISH, BENJAMIN W.
Planning Board 1948-1950

EUSTIS, CHARLES B.
Sealer of Weights and Measures 1923

FALES, EVELYN L.
Planning Board 1948-1950

FALES, LESLIE B.
Collector of Taxes 1943-1950

FARRAR, ANDREW M.
Weigher of Coal 1930
Public Weighers and Weighers of Coal 1931-1949
Memorial Day Committee 1943
Animal Inspector 1944-1947

FERGUSON, EDWARD E.
Superintendent of Burials 1912-1918
Town Hall Committee 1912
Commissioners of Cemeteries 1917-1919
Overseer of the Poor 1923-1924
Trustees for Disbursement Poor Fund Income 1923-1924;
1928-1936
Board of Public Welfare 1928-1936
Commissioner of Cemeteries 1921-1926; 1930-1938*
Superintendent of Burials 1930-1933
*Died during year

FERGUSON, EPHRAIM P.
Road Commissioner 1915-1924

FERGUSON, E. H.
Superintendent of Burials 1900-1911

FERGUSON, E. P.
Road Surveyor 1901; 1910-1911; 1913-1914

FISKE, JOHN L.
Collector of Taxes 1900-1905; 1907-1922
Town Hall Committee 1900-1904
Selectmen 1905
Overseers of the Poor 1903-1922
Fire Wards 1900-1903
Trustees of Annar Pingree Fund 1902-1914
Constable 1900-1905; 1919-1922
School Committee 1911-1913
Trustees for Disbursement Poor Funds Income 1915-1922
Field Driver 1919-1922
Sealer of Weights and Measures 1919-1922

FLETCHER, HAROLD T.
Public Weigher and Weighers of Coal 1942-1943

FLETCHER, HARRY T.
Weighers of Coal 1916

FLETCHER, HARRY T. D.
Board of Public Welfare 1937-1945
Trustees for Disbursement of Poor Funds 1937-1945
Police Officer 1938-1939
Reserve Officer 1940-1942
Measurer of Wood and Lumber 1942-1946

FLOYD, CHARLES W.
Tree Warden 1907-1912
Road Surveyor 1904-1909
Fire Wards 1901-1903; 1912-1916
Tree Warden 1915-1916
Forest Warden 1912-1916

FORD, HOWARD
Road Surveyor 1906-1913

FORREST, S. WARREN
Local Coordinator 1950

FOSTER, E. K.
Field Driver 1900

FOYE, ELMER
Trustee of Town Library 1946-1950
Fence Viewer 1945-1950

FRAME, FRANCIS
Memorial Day Committee 1925

FRAME, JOB H.
Surveyors of Lumber 1908-1910
Measurer of Wood and Bark 1901-1910; 1912
Road Surveyor 1900-1901
Fence Viewer 1905; 1909-1912
Assessor 1908-1914
Overseers of the Poor 1901-1916
Trustees of Annar Pingree Fund 1901-1914
Trustees for Disbursement of Poor Funds Income 1915-1916

FRAME, JOB H. (Continued)

Surveyor of Lumber 1915

FRAME, ROY

Fire Wards 1904-1915

FULLER, CLARENCE

Finance Committee 1935-1948

FULLER, HARRY W.

Pound Keeper 1948-1950

Public Weigher 1927

Weigher of Coal 1927

Tree Warden 1937-1945

Moth Superintendent 1937-1945

Public Weighers and Weighers of Coal 1937-1938

Field Driver 1948-1950

Town Forest Committee 1945

FULLER, JOHN W.

Forest Fire Wards 1908-1911

Field Driver 1905; 1941-1947

Fence Viewer 1914; 1916-1917

Pound Keeper 1919-1930; 1933-1947

Fire Wards 1919-1924

Fence Viewer 1932-1950

FULLER, J. ROBERT

Accountant 1935-1941

FULLER, T. JESSE

Forest Fire Wards 1901-1907

Road Surveyor 1902-1914

Field Driver 1901-1903

Fence Viewer 1915

Fire Wards 1912-1918

Forest Warden 1917-1918

Road Commissioner 1915-1924

GAGE, LAURENCE

Commissioner of Trust Funds 1936-1940

Memorial Day Committee 1931-1938

GAMANS, ALLEN D.

Memorial Day Committee 1945

GAMANS, JOHN B.

Selectmen 1948-1950

GAMBLE, WILLIAM T.

Constable and Chief of Police 1946

Constable 1947-1948

Reserve Officer 1945

Dog Officer 1946-1948

Park Commissioner 1950

Sealer of Weights and Measures 1945

Public Weigher and Weighers of Coal 1941-1942

GANGI, ALEXANDER

Board of Registrars 1945-1947

Election Officer 1944; 1948

GANGI, SALVATORE

Board of Public Welfare 1946-1950

Trustee for Disbursement of Poor Funds 1946-1950

GANGI, VICTORIA

Trustee of Town Library 1949-1950

GARRETT, E. H.

Fire Wards 1904-1907

GERRY, GEORGE A.

Constable 1916-1918

Field Driver 1918

Fence Viewer 1917

Fire Wards 1915-1917

GILES, HARRIS C.

Memorial Day Committee 1947-1950

Park Commissioner 1947-1949

GILFORD, ELBRIDGE H.

Road Surveyor 1907

Town Clerk 1918-1919

Selectmen 1919-1932

Memorial Day Committee 1919-1924

Surveyor of Lumber 1915-1916; 1918-1925; 1927-1929

Measurer of Wood and Bark 1915; 1918-1925; 1927-1929

Cemetery Commissioner 1947-1950

Memorial Day Committee 1947-1950

GILLILAND, FRANK

Weighers of Coal 1919

GILMORE, ARTHUR H.

School Committee 1917-1918*

*Resigned

GIOVANNACCI, AMADEO

Forest Warden 1939

Fire Department 1935-1949

Memorial Day Committee 1945-1946

GIOVANNACCI, HENRY

Election Officer 1942

GLEASON, ALICE

Trustees of Town Library 1937-1948*

*Resigned

GLEASON, LEROY W.

Road Surveyor 1908-1914

Fire Wards 1910-1924

Assessor 1940-1950

Inspector of Animals 1926-1927

Finance Committee 1929-1940*

Fence Viewer 1936-1950

Animal Inspector 1948-1950

Water Commissioner 1950

*Resigned

GODBOUT, PHILIP

Chief of Police 1947

Reserve Officer 1946; 1948-1950

Memorial Day Committee 1948-1950

GOODRIDGE, GEORGE L.

Memorial Day Committee 1928-1929; 1934-1940

School Committee 1935-1940

Cemetery Commissioner 1936-1940; 1946-1948

GOODRIDGE, GEORGE L. (Continued)
Selectmen 1947-1949
Zoning Appeal Board Associate 1950
Water Commissioner 1950

GOODWIN, WILLIAM J.
Fire Wards 1919-1923

GOULD, BERTRAM C.
School Committee 1929-1934
Park Commissioner 1923-1941
Commissioner of Trust Funds 1934-1936

GOULD, E. O.
Town Hall Committee 1900-1905

GOULD, E. OTIS
Memorial Day Committee 1925

GOULD, FRANK E.
Pound Keeper 1905-1907
Field Driver 1906; 1908; 1911-1913
Fence Viewer 1911-1913

GOULD, JAMES A.
Fire Wards 1904
Constable 1904

GOULD, JOHN R.
Fence Viewer 1913
Memorial Day Committee 1925-1927
Board of Public Welfare 1935-1950
Trustees for Disbursement Poor Funds 1935-1950
Caretaker of Graves of Soldiers and Sailors 1931-1950
Election Officer 1944-1946

GOULD, J. PORTER
Commissioner of Cemeteries 1900-1917; 1920-1922

GOULD, RALPH O.
Memorial Day Committee 1933

GOULD, W. PITMAN
Treasurer 1900-1928
Sealer of Weights and Measures 1900-1918
Trustees of Public Library 1910-1928
Collector of Taxes 1923-1928
School Committee 1901

GREAVES, HARLAN M.
Pound Keeper 1917-1918
Fire Wards 1917-1923
Surveyor of Lumber 1926
Memorial Day Committee 1932

GREENWOOD, FRED A.
Fire Wards 1918-1924

GROSS, MALCOLM
Public Weigher and Weigher of Coal 1939-1940
Reserve Officer 1942

GUAY, WILLIAM C.
Finance Committee 1946-1948
Zoning Appeal Board 1948-1950

GUNNISON, E. H.
Road Surveyor 1904-1906
Field Driver 1904

HALLECK, DONALD
Memorial Day Committee 1944-1945

HAYDEN, LARKIN
School Committee 1919
Overseer of the Poor 1925-1927
Trustees for Disbursement Poor Fund Income 1925-1927

HAYES, WALTER A.
Selectmen 1944-1946
State Aid Agent 1944-1946

HERRICK, WILLIAM H.
Pound Keeper 1901-1902

HODGDON, FRED
Road Surveyor 1902

HODGES, MARK R.
Commissioner of Trust Funds 1923-1925; 1937-1945
Zoning Appeal Board 1948-1950

HOOD, RALPH E.
Commissioners of Cemeteries 1913-1916

HOOD, SALMON D.
Assessor 1900-1907

HURLEY, JOHN J.
Board of Registrars 1948-1950
Town Forest Committee 1946-1948*
*Resigned

HUTCHINGS, ARTHUR U.
Auditor 1920-1921
Accountant 1922-1934

HUTCHINGS, MRS. E. W.
Trustees of Public Library 1900-1903*
*Died during year

HUTCHINGS, GEORGE S.
Field Driver 1901

INGRAHAM, CLINTON O.
Forest Warden 1939

IVES, ROBERT S.
Finance Committee 1949-1950

JACKMAN, ANDY F.
Road Surveyor 1900-1912
Fire Wards 1900-1903
Selectmen 1913-1917
Town Hall Committee 1913-1917
Weighers of Coal 1917-1930
Public Weigher 1924-1930
Public Weighers and Weighers of Coal 1931-1949
Road Commissioner 1925-1936
Special Police 1933-1936
Town Forest Committee 1945-1949

JACKMAN, CHARLES V.
Measurer of Wood and Bark 1919

JACKMAN, JOHN J.
Town Hall Committee 1905
Constable 1909-1912
Measurer of Wood and Bark 1912

JACKMAN, JOHN J. (Continued)
Reserve Officer 1945-1946
Sealer of Weights and Measures 1946-1950

JENKINS, DR. THOMAS L.
School Committee 1900; 1914-1918; 1920-1922; 1924-1926
Road Surveyor 1909-1910; 1912
Trustees of Public Library 1910-1929
Memorial Day Committee 1925-1928

JENNE, JOHN F.
Board of Registrars 1937-1943

KELLOWAY, WILLIAM C.
Commissioner of Trust Funds 1949-1950

KENDALL, PHILIP M.
Finance Committee 1943-1950

KIMBALL, GENIE F.
Memorial Day Committee 1918

KNEELAND, A. E.
Tree Warden 1913-1914

KNEELAND, C. A. S.
Town Hall Committee 1900-1906
Field Driver 1902-1904
Fire Wards 1900; 1904-1905
Constable 1900; 1906

KNEELAND, CLARENCE
Election Officer 1939-1948
Memorial Day Committee 1946-1947; 1949-1950

KNEELAND, WALLACE H.
Tree Warden 1948-1950
Election Officer 1948; 1950
Town Forest Committee 1950
Moth Superintendent 1948-1950

KNEELAND, WILLIAM H.
Tree Warden 1901-1902
Memorial Day Committee 1901
Town Hall Committee 1906-1908
Commissioner of Cemeteries 1900-1912

LAKE, CLARENCE W.
Memorial Day Committee 1921-1927; 1941
Surveyor of Lumber 1924-1929
Measurer of Wood and Bark 1924-1929
Measurer of Lumber and Wood 1933-1941

LAKE, HERBERT C.
Finance Committee 1942

LAKE, HORACE
Weighers of Coal 1917-1923

LAKE, WILLIAM G.
Care of Town Common 1921-1926

LANE, ALBERT F.
Selectmen 1925

LANE, ALBERT S.
Field Driver 1902-1904
Fire Wards 1900-1903
Constable 1902-1903
Auditor 1917-1918*
*Resigned

LANE, BENJAMIN
Pound Keeper 1900
Tree Warden 1900
Town Hall Committee 1906-1907

LANE, WALTER G.
Field Driver 1916-1917
Fence Viewer 1917-1918
Pound Keeper 1915

LANE, WILLIAM G.
Field Driver 1918

LAMSON, JAMES A.
Fire Wards 1900-1903

LAVALLEE, L. PALMER
Park Commissioner 1942-1950

NORTHEY, JOHN T.
Planning Board 1948-1950

LAWRENCE, JOHN S.
Commissioners of Trust Funds 1914-1921

LEACH, C. H.
Selectmen 1906

LEE, CHARLES E.
Collector of Taxes 1929-1934*
*Resigned

LEFAVOUR, HARRY A.
Tree Warden 1920-1931

LEFAVOUR, HARRY P.
Tree Warden 1917-1919

LEWIS, HERBERT
Road Surveyor 1906
Field Driver 1905

LEWIS, WILLIAM M.
School Committee 1926-1928
Memorial Day Committee 1927; 1930-1931; 1943-1944

LINFIELD, WILFRED
Memorial Day Committee 1948-1950

LONG, HENRY F.
Auditor 1908-1910
Trustees of Public Library 1906-1907
Selectmen 1911-1915
Assessor 1913-1915
Town Hall Committee 1913-1915
Commissioner of Trust Funds 1914-1916

LONG, WILLIAM A.
Public Weigher 1918-1922
Weighers of Coal 1919-1922

LONG, WILLIAM C.
Auditor 1911-1914
Selectmen 1926-1930
Assessor 1924-1950
Finance Committee 1922-1923
Cemetery Commissioner 1939-1945

LONGLEY, EDWIN P.
Fire Wards 1915-1916; 1918-1924

LONGO, JOSEPH

Reserve Officer 1946-1947

MacARTHUR, HERBERT L.

Special Police 1933-1935*

*Died during year

MARLBOROUGH, JAMES

Public Weigher 1924-1930

Public Weigher and Weigher of Coal 1931-1941

MERRILL, ALPHONSE T.

Town Clerk 1902-1914

Auditor 1900

School Committee 1901-1908

Selectmen 1901-1914

Town Hall Committee 1913-1914

MERRILL, EBEN S.

Town Hall Committee 1908-1910

Fire Wards 1908-1911

MORGAN, M. A.

Road Surveyor 1906-1907

MORISSEY, J. FRED

Fire Wards 1918

Fire Department 1926-1929; 1935-1950

Forest Warden 1933-1950

Fire Department Chief 1933-1934

Inspector of Petroleum 1933-1950

Reserve Officer 1941-1950

MOULYN, DR. ADRIAN C.

Board of Health Agent 1940-1944

MULLIGAN, M. A.

Road Surveyor 1900; 1903-1905; 1908-1909

Field Driver 1906-1907

Fire Wards 1904-1911

MURPHY, WILLIAM

Memorial Day Committee 1949-1950

ORNE, BENJAMIN A.

Tree Warden 1903-1906

Weigher of Coal 1904-1909

Slaughter House Inspector 1904-1905

Road Surveyor 1908

Fence Viewer 1905; 1908

Trustees of Public Library 1904-1905

PACE, A. W.

Road Surveyor 1902

Constable 1907

PACE, ERNEST L.

Special Police 1936

Police Officer 1937-1939

Reserve Officer 1940-1943; 1945-1946

PAIGE, WILBUR B.

Inspector of Animals 1928

Fence Viewer 1928-1944

Milk and Animal Inspector 1929-1938

Animal Inspector 1939-1943

PEABODY, A. P.
Road Surveyor 1904-1909

PEABODY, CHARLES J.
Inspector of Animals and Provisions 1907-1925
Road Surveyor 1910-1912
Trustees for Public Library 1903-1925
Assessor 1915-1923
School Committee 1901; 1922-1927

PEABODY, E. A.
Road Surveyor 1914

PEABODY, L. A.
Fire Wards 1900

PEABODY, MYRON F.
Measurer of Lumber and Wood 1940-1950
Zoning Appeal Board 1948-1949

PEABODY, ROGER G.
Chief of Police 1948-1950

PEIRCE, ANDREW L.
Finance Committee 1918-1923
Fence Viewer 1928-1929

PEIRCE, JOHN W.
Finance Committee 1946-1950

PEIRCE, THOMAS W.
Commissioner of Trust Funds 1914-1923

PERKINS, ARTHUR F.
Pound Keeper 1908-1910
Road Surveyor 1914
Fire Wards 1919-1924

PERKINS, ELIZABETH P.
School Committee 1923-1925

PERKINS, J. FREMONT
Slaughter House Inspector 1914-1919

PERKINS, J. P.
Road Surveyor 1900-1901

PERKINS, WILLIAM
Measurer of Wood and Bark 1900; 1903-1905

PERKINS, WILLIAM A.
Town Clerk 1900-1901; 1915-1917; 1920-1950
Overseers of the Poor 1917-1922
Trustees for Disbursement Poor Funds Income 1917-1922
Board of Registrars 1921-1950
Memorial Day Committee 1931-1943
Burial Agent 1946-1950

PETERS, GEORGE W.
Election Officer 1940; 1942-1943
Reserve Officer 1946
Superintendent of Burials and Cemeteries 1944

PETERSON, W. A.
Fire Wards 1912-1916

PETERSON, W. F.
Road Surveyor 1902-1903

PETERSON, W. S.
Forest Fire Wards 1907

PETHYBRIDGE, CHARLES E.

Assessor 1949-1950

Trustee of Town Library 1929-1950

Memorial Day Committee 1930-1942

Election Officer 1946; 1948-1950

PHILLIPS, E. T.

Pound Keeper 1903-1904

Road Surveyor 1900-1903

PHILLIPS, JAMES D.

Trustees of Public Library 1936-1937*

School Committee 1915-1923

Commissioner of Trust Funds 1924-1933

*Resigned

PIERCE, FLORENCE A.

Election Officer 1944

PIERCE, THOMAS I.

Board of Registrars 1937-1944

PIKE, BAXTER P.

Forest Fire Wards 1908-1911

Road Surveyor 1904-1913

Selectmen 1900-1902; 1918

Assessor 1915-1918

Memorial Day Committee 1918

Fence Viewer 1914-1915

PLUMMER, M. TERESA

Election Officer 1944

POOLE, FRANCIS A.

School Committee 1900

POOR, HARRY W.

Board of Registrars 1921-1933

POOR, J. B.

School Committee 1900-1906

Fence Viewer 1900

Assessor 1900-1904

Trustees of Public Library 1900-1909

Fire Wards 1915

POOR, WILLIAM B.

Selectmen 1903-1906; 1915-1934

Assessor 1905-1906; 1919; 1921-1940*

Town Hall Committee 1915-1917

State Aid Agent 1928-1935

*Died during year

POTTER, A. W.

Surveyors of Lumber 1906

POTTER, CHARLES H.

Memorial Day Committee 1925-1927

Election Officer 1938; 1940-1944; 1948

POTTER, J. H.

Surveyors of Lumber 1900-1901*

Measurer of Wood and Bark 1900-1901*

Fence Viewer 1900

Overseers of the Poor 1900-1901*

Trustees of Annar Pingree Fund 1900-1901*

*Died during year

PRATT, FRANK

Veteran's Agent 1947-1950

PREST, EDWARD J.

Finance Committee 1918-1921

PURKIS, GEORGE

Memorial Day Committee 1927

RAY, HORACE

Fence Viewer 1907-1908; 1912-1913; 1915-1916

Field Driver 1907

Constable 1905-1910

RAY, LESLIE S.

Auditor 1915, 1918*, 1919

Tax Collector 1934

Memorial Day Committee 1929

Selectmen 1950

School Committee 1943-1945

Commissioner of Trust Funds 1946-1948

Zoning Appeal Board 1948, Associate Member 1949

*Filled vacancy

RICHARDS, OSGOOD S.

Selectmen 1935-1943

State Aid Agent 1936-1943

Milk Inspector 1940-1950

RICHARDSON, A. B.

Measurer of Grain 1904-1912

ROBERTS, ARLO L.

Tax Collector 1935-1942

ROBERTS, H. H.

Surveyors of Lumber 1900-1905; 1907

Fence Viewer 1901-1905

ROBERTS, RAYMOND S.

Town Treasurer 1929-1950

Finance Committee 1924-1928

Memorial Day Committee 1924

Board of Registrars 1921-1923

Commissioner of Cemeteries 1930

Reserve Officer 1944-1945

ROBINSON, LUTHER

Election Officer 1949-1950

ROCK, CLAYTON F.

Election Officer 1948

Zoning Appeal Board 1950

ROCK, ESTHER C.

Trustee of Town Library 1948*

*Resigned

ROCKWELL, LEONARD W.

Overseer of the Poor 1926-1927

Slaughter House Inspector 1926-1944

Trustees for Disbursement Poor Fund Income 1926-1950

Board of Public Welfare 1928-1950

Special Police 1933-1936

Police Officer 1937-1939

Reserve Officer 1940-1944

ROGER, DR. LOIS K.
School Physician 1945-1950
Board of Health 1945-1950

RUST, FORREST
Fire Wards 1924
Road Surveyor 1900

RUST, LORING A.
Road Surveyor 1903

SALTONSTALL, JOHN L.
Park Commissioner 1924-1946
Commissioner of Trust Funds 1924-1947

SANBORN, DR. BYRON
Board of Health Agent 1933-1939

SAWYER, WILLIAM G.
Reserve Officer 1942-1950

SCRIBNER, ALBION C.
Election Officer 1938; 1940; 1942-1943
Reserve Officer 1946

SEWALL, THOMAS C.
Planning Board 1948-1950

SLIPP, HOLLIS A.
Animal Inspector 1950

SMERAGE, DONALD M.
Special Police 1936

SMERAGE, FRED
Road Surveyor 1901-1902

SMERAGE, F. P.
Road Surveyor 1900-1903; 1912
Fire Wards 1912-1916

SMERAGE, GRACE M.
Election Officer 1950

SMERAGE, KARL G.
Weigher of Coal 1918-1930
Slaughter House Inspector 1920-1925
Public Weigher 1926; 1930
Public Weigher and Weigher of Coal 1931-1941
Weighers of Hay 1923
Fence Viewer 1930-1931
Reserve Officer 1946; 1948
Slaughter House Inspector 1945-1947

SMERAGE, MELVIN W.
Road Surveyor 1913
Road Commissioner 1919-1921
Weighers of Coal 1924

SMITH, A. W.
Field Driver 1900-1901

SMITH, CLIFFORD B.
Special Police 1936
Police Officer 1937-1939
Reserve Officer 1940-1943

SMITH, ELIZABETH M.
School Committee 1927-1950
Election Officer 1948

SMITH, F. G.
Fence Viewer 1906

SMITH, FRANK
Memorial Day Committee 1925-1927

SPAULDING, GLADYS E.
Election Officer 1944-1946

STANWOOD, GEORGE A.
Fire Ward 1923-1924
Fire Department 1925; 1935-1950
Forest Warden 1939

STARK, C. W.
Fire Wards 1904-1906

STEWART, GILBERT L. (Sr.)
Finance Committee 1933-1945; 1949-1950

SULLIVAN, WILLIAM J.
Election Officer 1946

SWEENEY, ARTHUR
Weighers of Coal 1926

SWEENEY, CHARLES A.
Memorial Day Committee 1930

SWINDELL, ISAIAH
Weigher of Coal 1917-1918; 1920-1924

TAYLOR, ORMOND C.
Constable 1913-1915
Fire Wards 1915-1916
Constable and Chief of Police 1930-1945*
Trustee for Disbursement of Poor Fund Income 1934
Board of Public Welfare 1934
Field Driver 1933-1945*
Dog Officer 1936-1945*
*Died during year

TAYLOR, W. B.
Road Surveyor 1900-1901

THURSTON, WARREN
Reserve Officer 1948

TIERNEY, STEPHEN
Reserve Officer 1947; 1950

TILTON, GEORGE M.
Road Surveyor 1910-1912
Finance Committee 1918-1930
Fence Viewer 1914
Selectmen 1931-1950

TOWNE, A. A.
Road Surveyor 1900-1905

TOWNE, BENJAMIN B.
Memorial Day Committee 1918-1923; 1925-1929
State Aid Agent 1915-1927
Commissioner of Trust Funds 1917-1922
Finance Committee 1924-1947
Burial Agent 1936-1945

TOWNE, HERBERT A.
Fire Ward 1923-1924

TOWNE, J. H.
Fence Viewer 1900
Assessor 1900-1906

TUPPER, WILLIAM E.
Cemetery Commissioner 1941-1946

VEINOT, CHARLES G.
Reserve Officer 1946-1948

WAIT, CHARLES R.
School Committee 1919-1921

WALSH, DONALD E.
Tree Warden 1946-1947
Moth Superintendent 1946-1947
Slaughter House Inspector 1948-1950

WALSH, JOHN R.
Measurer of Leather 1915-1916
Memorial Day Committee 1928-1943

WALSH, WILLIAM H.
Road Surveyor 1901-1906
Overseer of the Poor 1923-1925
Constable 1923-1928
Chief of Police 1929
Trustees for Disbursement Poor Fund Income 1923-1925
Moth Superintendent 1926-1930*
Forest Warden and Moth Superintendent 1925
Sealer of Weights and Measures 1924-1927
Field Driver 1923-1930*
*Died during year

WALTER, ELMER H.
Fence Viewer 1933-1935

WARD, R.
Slaughter House Inspector 1907-1912

WATSON, CALVIN M.
Town Forest Committee 1946-1950

WATSON, ERNEST W.
School Committee 1950

WATSON, F. E.
Fire Wards 1906-1907
Road Surveyor 1905

WELCH, CHARLES
Fire Ward 1924

WELCH, EDWARD T.
Election Officer 1937-1942
Board of Registrars 1944-1950

WELCH, JUSTIN H.
Surveyor of Lumber 1919-1921; 1923; 1926
Measurer of Wood and Bark 1915; 1926
Fence Viewer 1918

WELCH, LEONE P.
Memorial Day Committee 1919-1920; 1924-1927
Finance Committee 1924-1928

WELCH, WILLIAM
Surveyor of Lumber 1904
Measurer of Wood and Bark 1905

WELLMAN, ARTHUR H.

Finance Committee 1918-1923

Trustees of Town Library 1932-1947

WELLMAN, MARY L.

Trustees of Town Library 1932-1950

WELLMAN, SARGENT H.

Moderator 1922-1924; 1949-1950

Trustee of Town Library 1926-1931

Finance Committee 1931-1945

Planning Board 1948-1950

WHITTIER, HERBERT

Reserve Officer 1944-1945

WHYTE, ARTHUR J.

Public Weigher and Weighers of Coal 1942-1946

WILDES, EUGENE L.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions 1900-1906

Road Surveyor 1900-1903

WILDES, HAZEN R.

Surveyors of Lumber 1900-1917

Fence Viewer 1901-1904

Selectmen 1916-1918

Town Hall Committee 1916-1917

Measurer of Wood and Bark 1911-1917

Fence Viewer 1911

Fire Wards 1915

WILDES, JAMES W.

Fire Ward 1923-1924

Cemetery Commissioner 1934-1939*

Superintendent of Burials 1934-1940

Superintendent of Burials and Cemeteries 1941-1943

*Resigned

WILDES, W. H.

Town Hall Committee 1907-1911

Commissioner of Cemeteries 1905-1930*

Caretaker of Graves of Soldiers and Sailors 1918-1930*

Memorial Day Committee 1918-1919; 1925-1930*

*Died during year

WILLIAMS, BLANCHE

Election Officer 1948-1950

WILLIAMS, HENRY B.

Assessor 1916-1920

WILLIAMS, HENRY C.

Memorial Day Committee 1921-1923; 1925-1933

Board of Registrars 1926-1950

WILLIAMS, THEODORE J.

Reserve Officer 1948-1950

Constable 1949-1950

Dog Officer 1949-1950

WILNER, EARL A.

Memorial Day Committee 1946-1947

WILSON, JAMES

Memorial Day Committee 1901

Surveyors of Lumber 1903

Measurer of Wood and Bark 1900-1903

WINSLOW, CHARLES

Commissioner of Cemeteries 1900

WINSLOW, WALTER P.

Public Weigher 1928

Weighers of Coal 1928

WOODBURY, EDWARD B.

Weighers of Coal 1917-1930

Pound Keeper 1914

Fire Wards 1918-1924

Public Weigher 1924-1930

Public Weighers and Weighers of Coal 1931-1934

Finance Committee 1924-1932

Weighers of Hay 1923

Fire Department 1925-1930

Fire Department Chief 1931-1932

Forest Warden 1928-1932

Surveyor of Lumber 1922

Town Hall Committee 1901

Field Driver 1902-1904

Fire Wards 1900-1903

Constable 1901

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